

REMEDICATION AND REDEVELOPMENT (RR) NEWS FROM WISCONSIN DNR  
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NEW VPLE INSURANCE FACT SHEET AVAILABLE

The RR Program has published a new fact sheet describing the insurance requirements related to the Voluntary Party Liability Exemption (VPLE) process. Chapter NR 754, WI Adm. Code, became effective in March. The rule defines insurance requirements for certain parties conducting approved cleanups of contaminated properties and also seeking the VPLE liability exemption. These insurance requirements apply when natural attenuation is used to address groundwater contamination. The fact sheet, "Insurance for Voluntary Party Liability Exemption Sites Using Natural Attenuation: Information and Fee Schedule" Pub. #RR-661, includes the current schedule of insurance fees. The publication is available on our web site at:

<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/archives/pubs/RR661.pdf>

The fact sheet can also be obtained by call our Information Line at 800-367-6076 (in-state long distance) or 608-264-6020 (Madison area or out-of-state long distance). If you have questions on the fact sheet, rule or insurance fees, contact Michael Prager at (608) 261-4927 or [pragem@dnr.state.wi.us](mailto:pragem@dnr.state.wi.us)

REMINDER - BROWNFIELDS 2001 ABSTRACTS DUE APRIL 20

The deadline on the call for presentations for the national brownfields conference is April 20, 2001. Brownfields 2001 will be held from September 24-26 in Chicago, and organizers are still seeking presentations on the assessment, cleanup and redevelopment of abandoned, idled or under used commercial and industrial sites. The conference will include techniques for revitalizing brownfields, through conference sessions and exhibits. For an abstract submittal form and more information on Brownfields 2001 visit:

<http://www.brownfields2001.org>

WISCONSIN COMMUNITIES USING ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION TAX INCREMENTAL FINANCING

Three Wisconsin communities have met the April 1st deadline for completing paperwork to establish the first Environmental Remediation Tax Incremental Financing (ER TIF) districts in Wisconsin. These communities are the Town of Madison, the City of New London and the Village of Weston. The ER TIF program, coordinated by the Department of Revenue (DOR), was established to allow communities to pay for environmental remediation and redevelopment activities through property taxes that are generated by increased values following cleanup and redevelopment. For more information on ER TIF's, please contact Judi Gibbon at DOR: (608) 266-5708 or Anna Thomas at DNR: (608) 264-6007 or [thomaa@dnr.state.wi.us](mailto:thomaa@dnr.state.wi.us). More information about ER TIFs is on the DOR web site at <http://www.dor.state.wi.us/html/erbase.html>

ARE YOU READING THE RIGHT VERSION OF NR 700?

Consultants and responsible persons are reminded that promulgation of NR 746/COM 46 early this year resulted in changes throughout the NR 700 series of rules (Investigation and Remediation of Environmental Contamination). Updated versions of the rule series are available on the Reviser of Statutes Web site, <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/rsb/code/index.html>. Printed copies

are also available from the Office of Document Sales at <http://www.doa.state.wi.us/dsas/docserv/docsales/> The current version of the rules say "Register, January 2001" at the bottom of the pages.

HUD DEADLINE FOR BROWNFIELDS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE GRANTS  
Applications for Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Brownfields Economic Development Initiative (BEDI) grants are due May 22, 2001. Approximately \$25 million in BEDI grants is available to stimulate economic development by local governments and the private sector. BEDI grants must be used in conjunction with a new Section 108 loan guaranteed commitment. Approximately \$10.7 million is also available in Economic Development Initiative (EDI) funds. This grant must also be used with a new Section 108 loan guaranteed commitment. The deadline for EDI grant applications is July 6, 2001. For more information, please call HUD's SuperNOFA information line toll free at 1-800-HUD-8929, or visit the HUD website at:  
<http://www.hud.gov/adm/grants/nofa/grpecond.html>

#### EPA SMALL BUSINESS RESEARCH SOLICITATION

EPA's Office of Research and Development is inviting small businesses to submit research proposals by May 24, 2001. Proposed research must respond to these EPA interests: Monitoring and Measurement Technologies, Hazardous Waste Management and Site Remediation, Recycling of Municipal and Industrial Solid Waste, Treatment and Monitoring of Drinking Water, Wastewater Treatment and Stormwater Management, Nanomaterials and Clean Technology, Control and Monitoring of Mobile Source Emissions, and Prevention and Control of Air Pollution. EPA will award about 40 fixed-price contracts of up to \$70,000, typically for 6 months, to investigate the scientific merit and technical feasibility of the proposed concept. After these phase 1 awards, EPA will determine whether sufficient progress has been made to justify a larger Phase 2 effort. For more information on the EPA Small Business Innovation Research program please see [http://es.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/sbir\\_phase1\\_2002.html](http://es.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/sbir_phase1_2002.html)

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